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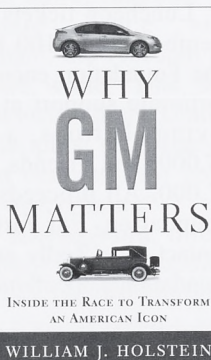
GM vs. Toyota: The Next Chapter In a Global Battle

EVENT PREVIEW: FEBRUARY 19

The battle between General Motors and Toyota has been a lopsided one for more than two decades. The lumbering Detroit giant was surprised in the 1980s by Toyota's superior manufacturing techniques. It was surprised again in the late 1990s by Toyota's launch of the Prius hybrid auto, which solidly positioned the Japanese company as eco-friendly at a time when GM was perceived as selling nothing other than gas-guzzling sport utility vehicles.

Toyota made such rapid gains against GM that it eclipsed the American company for a while in 2007 as the world's largest automotive company. Now GM has assembly plants, or plans for plants, in eight American states.

It might not seem like the time to contemplate GM's gains against Toyota, after all GM is receiving loans from the federal government just to sur-



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Oreskes to Headline Luncheon

EVENT PREVIEW: FEBRUARY 13

by Jane Reilly

Michael Oreskes, the managing editor of U.S. News for The Associated Press, will be the keynote speaker at the annual OPC Foundation Scholarship Luncheon on Friday, February 13, 2009, at the Yale Club. At the event, the Foundation will award \$24,000 in scholarships to 12 graduate and undergraduate college students aspiring to become foreign correspondents. The scholarship recipients emerged from an incredibly competitive field of nearly 200 applications from more than 50 colleges. This year's scholarship recipients are from Columbia University, New York University, Oxford University, University of Oregon, UC Berkeley, and Western Kentucky University.

The OPC Foundation scholarship program has grown dramatically in the past two decades and is now considered the most prominent scholarship program in the country for aspiring correspondents.

The awards are given in the names of eminent journalists and media organizations. Besides addressing a distinguished audience of more than 200 luncheon guests, the scholarship winners also tour news organizations, hosted by William J. Holstein, OPC Foundation president.



Michael Oreskes

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New Book on NYPD's Counterterrorism

EVENT PREVIEW: FEBRUARY 2

by Sonya K. Fry

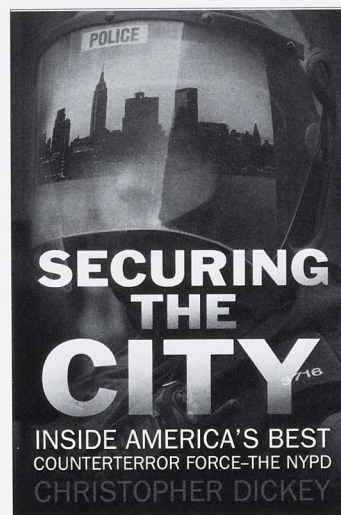
Chris Dickey, Paris Bureau Chief and Middle East Regional Editor for *Newsweek*, takes us inside the best and most ambitious anti-terror operation in the country, the New York Police Department.

Surprisingly, the NYPD's Intelligence Unit has more than 600 officers and analysts with stations in London, Paris, Tel Aviv, Abu Dhabi, Singapore and other

cities reporting on terrorism abroad in the hopes of stopping any plots from reaching New York City. They are unwilling to wait for the federal government to supply vital information and are unpersuaded that wars in Afghanistan and Iraq are the key to safety in the five boroughs, so the NYPD decided to mount operations unlike any seen before in a metropolitan police department.

Police Commissioner Ray Kelly recognized that New York City could no longer rely

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Oreskes to Headline 2009 Scholarship Luncheon

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On the night before the luncheon, Reuters will host a special reception for the winners at its Time Square headquarters. For many, says Holstein, the opportunity to meet and observe prominent journalists in action is as valuable as any monetary award.

Despite cutbacks in media jobs around the globe, the level of the enthusiasm and passion for journalism endures. Holstein noted, "It is extraordinary, at a time when the profession is in such crisis, that so many talented and motivated young people want to become foreign correspondents. This is the surprise year after year, but it's true once again this year in spades." He added, "When we're judging applications, we ask ourselves whether it is wrong to be encouraging a dozen of them to launch careers in international journalism. But we conclude that it's just so damn important that the best and brightest enter the profession, we can do no less. And what the students themselves have said to me in recent years, 'Yes, we know the business is in crisis. Yes, we know that nobody knows that economic models will survive. But just give us a little money and introduce us to the right people, and we'll figure it out.'"

It is precisely to help these students begin careers that the Foundation began

and has now expanded its internship program. Begun in 2006 with one AP intern, the program in 2008 sent five interns — who are chosen from among the scholarship winners — to AP bureaus in Moscow and Johannesburg, Reuters' bureaus in Seoul and Mexico City, and to *Cambodia Daily*, the English-speaking newspaper in Phnom Penh. The Foundation picks up the cost of the airfare and one month's living expenses for the winners. Each of last year's interns used their own funds to extend their stays.

Holstein is pleased that Oreskes will be addressing this year's winners. "Few journalists have a better and deeper understanding of how the American media covers the world and the economic challenges that it faces," he said.

Oreskes was named to his current position at AP in May 2008. He oversees all U.S. news for both U.S. and world audiences, from state bureaus to national political coverage, including the Washington bureau, the news service's largest domestic bureau, and AP's national feature, beat and investigative reporters. Before moving back to New York, Oreskes had been executive editor of the *International Herald Tribune* in Paris since 2005. Previously, he was deputy managing editor of the *New York Times*, supervising television and Internet content, where he won three

Emmy awards and a DuPont award for documentary television. From 1997 to 2001, Oreskes was Washington bureau chief for the *Times*, and had once served as metropolitan editor and city editor. He started with the *Times* in 1981 as a metropolitan correspondent. Before that Oreskes worked for the *Daily News* in New York City. He is a graduate of City College of New York.

Holstein is grateful to the dedicated panel of judges who chose the 2009 recipients: Karen Toulon and William Brennan, Bloomberg, Mary Rajkumar, AP, and Sarah Miskin, a 2008 winner; OPC Foundation Board members Felice Levin, Jeremy Main, Rosalind Massow and Kate McLeod; and OPC Foundation Executive Board members Jackie Albert-Simon, *Politique Internationale*, Jack Corporon, Sharon Gamsin, MasterCard, Paul Mason, ABC News, Steve Swanson, *Chicago Tribune*, Brian Rhoads and Betty Wong, Reuters.

Luncheon tickets are \$75 for OPC members and \$100 for non-members. The Foundation encourages media and corporate support at its two levels of giving: Patrons, a table of 10 for \$5,000; and Friends, a table of 10 for \$2,000. All proceeds benefit the OPC Foundation. For further information, contact Jane Reilly at 201-493-9087 or foundation@opcofamerica.org.

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PEOPLE...with Al Kaff

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GLOBAL:

Norman Schorr,
George Bookman,

Jacqueline Albert-Simon, Larry Martz,
David M. Alpern, Jeremy Main, Kevin
McDermott and Tala Dowlatshahi of the OPC Freedom of the Press Committee have sent letters to chiefs of state and other officials in the following incidents.

After they wrote of corruption in Myanmar's government agencies, **Khin Maung Aye** and **Tuin Tuin Thein** of the privately-owned *Weekly News Watch* were arrested and late last year were being held in Insein prison, said to be the worst in Myanmar. The Ministry of Communication's censorship board told editors in November of new and secret directives that, if violated, may result in confiscation of the publication and possible imprisonment. In a letter to Than Shwe, chairman of Myanmar's State Peace and Development Council, the Freedom of the Press Committee, wrote, "That, Sir, is not what your associate at the United Nations called 'discipline democracy.' It is just arrogant contempt for your own society, your own citizens."

Jean-Claude Kavumbagu, director of the Web site of the Burundian Net Press was arrested and charged with defamation, libelous writing and insulting remarks last September. In a Net Press article, Kavumbagu alleged that Burundi President Pierre Nkurunziza spent 100 million Burundian francs (about US\$84,150) on his trip to the opening ceremonies of the Beijing Olympics and that his travel expenditure caused delays in salary payments to some of Burundi's civil servants.

Faiz al-Ajrasji, editor-in-chief of the weekly *Al-Akhbanya* in Jordan, was arrested in October after he wrote an article questioning the record of Amman's governor and reporting cases of alleged corruption. He was freed after posting bail of 3,000 dinars (about US\$4,200) and still faces charges of "inflaming sectarian strife" and "sowing national discord."

In Azerbaijan, **Ali Hasanov**, editor-in-chief of the pro-government daily

Idea, was sentenced to six months in jail in November on charges from a woman that he insulted her honor and dignity in articles charging she was connected to a prostitution ring. In defense, Hasanov said he became editor after the articles were published.

After crime reporter **Armando Rodrigues** of *El Diario* was fatally shot in his car in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, by a gunman who escaped, and other acts of violence against journalists in Mexico, the OPC committee wrote to Mexico's president, Felipe Calderon, "We urge your government

to do more to promote legal action against press intimidation."

Emilio Gutiérrez Soto, a Mexican journalist who covered crime and government corruption for *El Diario del Noroeste*, fled Mexico to seek asylum in the United States. He has been held in the El Paso Processing Center since last June, denied release in August and again in November. "While it may be difficult to fit the case of Mr. Gutiérrez strictly into the rules for granting asylum, he certainly fulfills one primary requirement: his life is threatened by

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Journalists in Russia in the 1950s



Whitman Bassow was *Newsweek's* Moscow correspondent in the 1950's at the height of the Cold War until Khrushchev threw him out. We are enlisting help from former Moscow correspondents and others who were reporting in this time-frame to identify the reporters at the bottom of the large dias.

Whit's widow, Mimi Bassow, donated this historic picture to the OPC. The event captures a visit by Tito to a factory (exact location unknown) with a gigantic picture of Lenin looming over all. Standing below the platform is the press corps with Whit identifiable as the reporter with no coat in the center taking notes. The picture was taken in June 1956 by Lisa Larsen for *Life* magazine. Also identified are B.J. Cutler of the *New York Herald Tribune* and Marvin Kalb of CBS News.

Whit Bassow was instrumental over the years in organizing several Moscow Correspondents Reunions so there should be quite a few people out there that could identify fellow reporters.

E-mail us at sonya@opcofamerica.org or call 212-626-9220 and tell us whatever stories you have about this cast of characters.

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his own government," the OPC committee wrote to Robert E. Jolicoeur, director of the immigration and customs field office in El Paso. "There is no excuse for inflicting this hardship on a man who fled for his life from Mexico."

In the Philippines, two radio presenters for Radyo Natin were shot to death in November and December: **Aristeo Padrigao** and **Leo Mila**, bringing to eight the number of journalists murdered this year in the Philippines. The OPC committee wrote to Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, "Being a radio journalist continues to be a very dangerous profession in the Philippines because of your government's inability, in certain parts of the country, to combat organized crime."



And there were other violent actions against journalists. **Ivan Watson**, a reporter for National Public Radio, and three Iraqi colleagues were returning from interviewing people in a kebab café in west Baghdad November 30 when Iraqi soldiers stopped their car. The soldiers said they had been told that a bomb was attached to the car. Seconds later, the bomb exploded, but no one was injured.

In Damascus, **Omar Harqous**, a TV correspondent with Future News of Beirut, was attacked and beaten by 15 to 20 protestors at a November 27 demonstration by supporters of the Syrian Social Nationalist Party. He lost consciousness and was taken to a hospital. He had told the demonstrators that he was a journalist and the logo of the news channel was visible on all his equipment.

A British reporter, a Spanish photographer and two Somalia journalists were kidnapped November 26 in Somalia's port city of Bossaso where they were reporting on piracy. Their names were withheld for safety concerns.

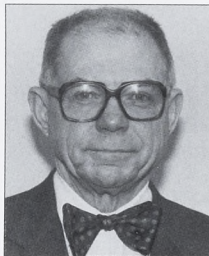
Vikas Ranjan, a correspondent for the daily *Hindustan*, was fatally shot by three men on motorbikes as he left his office in Rosera in India's Bihar State, for the evening on November 25. Ranjan had written extensively on crime and corruption, including counterfeit merchandise and

stolen goods trafficking, and had been receiving threats.

In Zimbabwe in December, freelance photojournalist **Shadreck (Saddam) Manyere** and journalist and human rights activist **Jestina Mukoko** were kidnapped in separate incidents. **Obrian Rwafa**, a reporter with the state-owned Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation, was forced into a car by kidnappers, but managed to escape after wrestling with the driver and forcing the car off the road.

BLOOMINGTON, Indiana: **Joe Coleman**, a longtime foreign correspondent with UPI and then AP, will join the journalism faculty at Indiana University this spring as the Roy W. Howard Professional in Residence. Coleman, who speaks five languages, has reported from Asia, Latin America, Africa, Europe and the Middle East. For the past four years, he has been AP's bureau chief in Tokyo.

BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT: From his hospital bed, **Al Kaff** dictated the following People item to Boots: "OPC Bulletin correspondent, Al Kaff, sends his greeting for the forthcoming 'Year of the Ox' to all our members. Al and his wife, **Diana**, spent Christmas with their son in Maryland. Three days after he returned, Kaff went to the hospital with a heart attack near the end of December. After one week flat on his back, Kaff commented, 'It hurts.'"



Al Kaff

Editor's Note: We hope Al has a swift and full recovery and we will keep members updated online and in the February Bulletin. For now, we miss him quite a bit on daily e-mails about the happenings in Fairfield, Connecticut. He filed his work for this edition in the Bulletin before leaving for Maryland; the vast majority of this column is Kaff's writing.

CHICAGO: Faced with \$13 billion in debt and with advertising revenue down 19 percent, the Tribune Company

cut its staff and on December 8 filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the bankruptcy code. Among its 12 newspapers and 23 television stations are *The Chicago Tribune* and *Los Angeles Times*. In a front-page article, *The New York Times* wrote, "The recession and the shift of advertising to the Internet have hit newspapers with the sharpest drop in advertising revenue since the [Great] Depression."

FAIRFAX, Virginia: In January 2006 when she was a freelancer on assignment with *The Christian Science Monitor* in Baghdad, **Jill Carroll** was kidnapped and held for 82 days. Her translator was killed. After her release, Jill wrote an 11-part report on her captivity that became *The Monitor's* most popular and profitable series. She won a \$30,000 Harvard fellowship awarded to "distinguished experts" in the media. But then after reporting from Cairo, Jill, 31, dropped out of war reporting and last August started training as a firefighter in Fairfax. *Newsweek* noted that her fire department salary of \$47,472 "beats the average newspaper salary by more than two grand."



Jill Carroll

HONG KONG: The Foreign Correspondents' Club's 7th annual charity ball grossed HK\$10 million (about US\$1,290,000) in direct donations, admission tickets, auctions and raffle tickets. The money funds scholarships and a language program for underprivileged Hong Kong children. The September 13 ball was held in Hong Kong's Convention Hall.

LEXINGTON, Kentucky: **Terry Anderson**, the AP correspondent who was held hostage in Lebanon for nearly seven years, joined the journalism faculty at the University of Kentucky in January. He is teaching international journalism and working on projects with the Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues, and the

Scripps Howard First Amendment Center, both based at the university. Anderson, 61, is being paid \$70,000 a year under a two-year contract, the university said. Starting in 1999, Terry was a visiting professor at Ohio University's E. W. Scripps School of Journalism. After leaving Ohio University, he turned an Athens, Ohio, bar into a blues club and restaurant called the Blue Gator that he now is trying to sell. When he was AP's chief Middle East correspondent in Beirut, Anderson was kidnapped at gunpoint by pro-Iranian terrorists in March 1985 and held until December 1991.

McLEAN, Virginia: Kenneth A. Paulson, editor of *USA Today* for nearly five years, leaves the newspaper on February 1 to become president and CEO of the Freedom Forum, a non-profit organization, and its Newseum in Washington, D.C. Paulson, 55, told *The New York Times*, "I know these are dark days in the business, but I'm not running away from anything. This is the only job that would convince me to leave *USA Today*."



Mwenda, Nekzad, Mtetwa and Karokhel.

NEW YORK: The Committee to Protect Journalists honored four journalists and a media attorney with its 2008 International Press Freedom Awards at a dinner in the Waldorf-Astorial Hotel in November. One awardee, **Héctor Maseda Gutiérrez**, could not attend because he is imprisoned in Cuba, a victim of the 2003 crackdown on the independent press. CPJ board member Christiane Amanpour asked the 800 dinner guests to sign a petition asking Cuban President Raúl Castro for his immediate release.

Others honored were **Andrew Mwenda**, founder of *The Independent* magazine in Uganda who faces 21 criminal charges for his work; **Danish**

Karokhel and **Farida Nekzad**, director and deputy director of Pajhwok Afghan News in Afghanistan, where journalists, particularly women journalists, face threats from the Taliban, political parties, clerics and government; and **Beatrice Mtetwa**, a media lawyer from Zimbabwe who has defended journalists who have been arrested for reporting on such problems as the spread of cholera because of unclean water. She won *New York Times* correspondent **Barry Bearak's** release from a Zimbabwean jail, and he presented her award. The dinner raised \$1.25 million for the committee's work.

For the first time, online-only publications will be considered this year for all 14 of the journalism Pulitzer Prizes to be awarded in April. When **Sonya K. Fry**, OPC executive director, read about the Pulitzer expansion, she e-mailed this column, "Is this their first year? I thought we were the last ones in the universe." Since 2006, the OPC has been presenting an Online Journalism Award for the best web coverage of international affairs, sponsored by CFR.org, the Council on Foreign Relations Website. Fry wrote, "Any media organization with a website can submit their web material for any particular award."

The world of finance and the OPC world do intersect in ways unthinkable. On the front page of *The New York Times* (Wednesday, January 7) was a picture of a former OPC member **Sonja Kohn** of Bank Medici.

OPC Executive Director **Sonya Fry** was surprised to see her picture highlighting an entire article about how she has gone into hiding because of money invested on behalf of European clients, but particularly Russians, with Bernie Madoff.

Sonya met Sonja when she was summoned to her office in the GM Building in the Fall of 1996 to talk

about her joining the OPC. At that time she was President of Eurovaleur and both she and her husband Erwin came to OPC events. Sonja Kohn left New York in 2005 and did not renew her membership.

OPC President **Allan Dodds Frank** has been on the case of Bernie Madoff for Bloomberg Television News including going to Washington to report on the Congressional hearings on the Madoff case.

On January 5, *The New York Times* began selling display advertising on its front page. The first ad was bought by CBS and was two-and-a-half inches high, and ran horizontally across the bottom of the front page, below the news articles and a summaries of articles. In a statement, the paper said the A1-ads would be placed "below the fold." Most major American papers sell front-page display ads, including *The Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today* and *Los Angeles Times*, but some others, including *The Washington Post*, do not.

OTTAWA: Michael Ignatieff, a former journalist and documentary producer, became leader of the Liberal Party of Canada in December and a potential prime minister. Living outside Canada during most of the past 39 years Ignatieff, 61, was a director of a human rights center at Harvard University, where he supported the invasion of Iraq and then retracted support. While a journalist in Britain, he wrote in the British magazine *Granta* that protesting the Vietnam War was his great cause in his youth.

PARIS: Promotions announced in December at *The International Herald Tribune*: **Alison Smale** from managing editor to executive editor, **Tom Redburn** from assistant managing editor in charge of business coverage to managing editor, **Ursula Liu** to general manager of the newsroom and **Kyle Jarrard** to associate managing editor at nights.

William E. Schmidt, an assistant managing editor of *The New York*

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Times, owner of the *Herald Tribune*, was scheduled to become top editor of the Paris newspaper. But he will remain in New York, promoted to deputy managing editor. *The Times* said it was essential to keep Schmidt in New York "at a time of budget cuts and reorganization."

PRESCOTT, Arizona: OPC member **Jack Casserly**, 82, who has worked since he was 15, reports that "he has become a real gym rat and a truly avid reader [who now] wants some time for myself." Jack was an International News Service correspondent during the Korean War, where his well-honed dispatches awed this columnist. Later he reported for ABC News and Hearst from Algeria, the Middle East, Vietnam and Europe, became a speech writer for President Ford and a Hearst executive. Casserly has written 10 books, fiction and nonfiction ranging from Tiananmen Square to the Vatican.

In an e-mail to "People," Casserly reported that his wife **Joy**, who was born in China, has undergone two eye operations; he has endured the "real pain" of a colonoscopy; and their son **Larry**, a U.S. Marine Corps major, was in charge of security when Barack Obama visited Iraq during the presidential campaign.

PROVO, Utah: OPC member **John Hughes** has completed an 18-month consultancy at the *Christian Science Monitor* that this year will end five-days-a-week publication, replacing it with one weekly publication and accelerated web coverage. A Pulitzer Prize foreign correspondent, Hughes is a former editor of the *Monitor*. He now has returned to his tenured professorship in journalism at Brigham Young University after an extended leave of absence as editor and chief operating officer of the Salt Lake City *Deseret News*. He converted the *News* from afternoon to morning publication and increased its circulation.

RICHMOND, Virginia: Lobbyist Vicki Iseman plunged herself back into the public eye by filing a libel lawsuit against *The New York Times* on December 30, for its page one article

Television Newsrooms Switch It Up for 2009

Chairs are changing in broadcast newsrooms from CBS to cable networks.

After traveling the world as a foreign correspondent for 25 years, **Christiane Amanpour** will become a news anchor this year, starting a nightly program on CNN International. But she told *The New York Times* that she will continue to travel "because I'm a field person at heart, in my bones and in my DNA. I think that's massively important, because you can't just sit back and opine about the news; you have to actually go out there and cover it and report it." Amanpour, 50, is married to **James Rubin**, a former Clinton administration official and now an adjunct professor of foreign policy at Columbia University. They are parents of an 8-year-old son.

Ted Koppel's production deal with the Discovery Channel ended in November, six months before his three-year contract was due to expire in May. The Channel's shift away from news content to non-news documentaries that have "longer shelf life and appeal to audiences around the world" created a split between Koppel and the Channel, *The New York Times* reported.

On January 9, the cable network Investigation Discovery signed former CNN anchor **Paula Zahn** to an exclusive deal to develop an investigative weekly newsmagazine.

NBC News selected **David Gregory** to moderate "Meet the Press," and he moved into that anchor's chair in December. OPC member **Tom Brokaw** filled in as temporary moderator after **Tim Russert**, the long-time moderator, died in June. Gregory, a White House correspondent, was anchor of the MSNBC talk show "1600 Pennsylvania Avenue." **David Shuster**, who worked at the Fox News Channel for six years before joining MSNBC in 2002, replaced Gregory on "1600 Pennsylvania Avenue."

Chris Matthews is staying put on MSNBC's "Hardball." After months of exploring a run for the Senate in Pennsylvania, he told producers on January 7 that he will not seek elected office.

Commentator **Bill O'Reilly** will give up his syndicated radio show in order to devote fulltime to his television program on the Fox News channel. "We've got to keep the TV show at the top level we have it now, and that means more and more time to keep it competitive and fresh" O'Reilly was quoted in the *New York Daily News*. "I've been working 60, 65 hours a week, and I just can't keep doing that." Carried on 430 stations, his radio program is estimated at drawing a weekly audience of 3.5 million, putting him in the national top 10.

John King, CNN's chief national correspondent and long-time White House reporter, became host of a new Sunday morning news program in January that replaced "Late Edition," anchored by **Wolf Blitzer** the past 15 years. Blitzer, who also hosts a three-hour weekday program, "The Situation Room," signed a new contract that will keep him at CNN through the next presidential election. King's Sunday program runs four hours, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

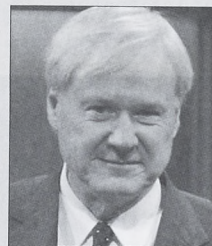
Byron Pitts was named a contributing correspondent to "60 Minutes" and will produce a minimum of six pieces a year. Pitts gave the keynote address at the 2008 OPC Foundation Scholarship Luncheon.



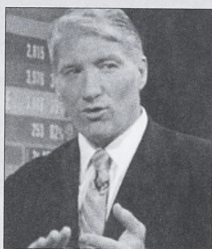
Amanpour at a killing fields memorial shrine in Cambodia.



Paula Zahn



Chris Matthews



John King



Byron Pitts during his keynote address.

that reported Senator John McCain's advisers were "convinced" she had a romantic relationship with McCain in 1999. In her complaint, which seeks millions of dollars in damages, Iseman denies that she and McCain were romantically involved.



Vicki Iseman

BusinessWeek's report on the lawsuit included a quote from Eric Dezenhall, chief executive of Washington communications firm Dezenhall Resources stating that he advises clients not to pursue defamation suits because it opens them up to extraordinary scrutiny through the legal process. "Do you want every single thing about your business interests, even if it's not improper, coming out?" Dezenhall asked.

RIDGEFIELD, Connecticut:

Four Catholic priests officiated at the December 2 funeral mass for **Hugh Mulligan** in St. Elizabeth Seton Church, where Hugh and his wife worshipped for years. Ten members of the Ridgefield Marine Corps League served as honor guard, a 12-gun salute was fired, "Taps" were played and a folded American flag was presented to his widow **Brigid**.

AP's **Richard Pyle** wrote in an e-mail to friends, "Lest anyone wonder about such emphasis on military ceremony for a one-time Army sergeant [in Germany during World War II], it was a family request and surely would have been welcomed by Hugh himself as a gesture acknowledging, and befitting, his deep personal affinity for those he covered on battlefields in Vietnam and elsewhere."

Mulligan, 83, one of AP's most famous foreign correspondents and an OPC member, died November 26 a few weeks after he was diagnosed with terminal pancreatic cancer.

Among the 100 people who attended his funeral were OPC members **Kelly Smith Tunney**, **Helen Swinton**, **Pat Milton** and **Edith Lederer**, all of AP. AP president Tom Curley, also an OPC member, was unable to attend due to a prior commitment in London.

SRI LANKA: Lasantha Wickrematunge, editor *The Sunday Leader*, a privately run paper that was strongly critical of the government, was shot by two men on a motorcycle on his way to work on January 8. In a posthumous editorial, Wickrematunge foresees his own death, hints at the identity of the killers from within the ranks of Sri Lanka's government, and lays out a gripping and detailed account of what he sees as his country's descent into persecution of citizens and flouting of democracy.

He wrote: "When finally I am killed, it will be the government that kills me." The editor ends his article: "If you remember nothing else, remember this: the [*Sunday Leader*] is there for you, be you Sinhalese, Tamil, Muslim, low-caste, homosexual, dissident or disabled. Its staff will fight on, unbowed and unafraid, with the courage to which you have become accustomed. Do not take that commitment for granted. Let there be no doubt that whatever sacrifices we journalists make, they are not made for our own glory or enrichment: they are made for you. Whether you deserve their sacrifice is another matter. As for me, God knows I tried."

The entire editorial is available online at www.opcofamerica.org.

TOKYO: Retired foreign correspondent **Bernie Krisher** now is planning to help the poor in Burma as he is doing for the have-nots in Cambodia. In a December holiday letter to friends and supporters, Krisher wrote, "I established another nonprofit, World Assistance for Burma, after the riots in Burma against the junta. . . . I hope to replicate in Burma much of what I am doing in Cambodia in the areas of health, education, anti-drug trafficking and information." A former *Newsweek* and *Fortune* correspondent based in Tokyo, Krisher publishes an online newspaper, *The Burma Daily* (www.burmadaily.org), patterned after his Phnom Penh newspaper, *The Cambodian Daily* that each year provides an internship for a winner of an OPC Foundation Scholarship. In



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Cambodia with donations and grants, Krisher has built 440 rural schools, a charity hospital and an orphanage for children whose parents died of HIV/AIDS. He reports that recent school donations came from OPC member **Nicholas Kristof**, a *New York Times* columnist; his wife, former *Times* correspondent **Sheryl WuDunn**; and *Times* publisher **Arthur Ochs Sulzberger, Jr.** Krisher, 77, was forced to cancel a fund-raising trip to the United States this year because of minor surgery and two hospital visits.

VIENNA: **Spomenka Hribar**, 67, a Slovenian journalist and human rights advocate, received the 2008 SEEMO Award for Human Rights from the South East Europe Media Organization on December 10, International Human Rights Day. "Hribar received much publicity in the 1980s with her essay *The Guilt and the Sin*, which critically exposed the post-war liquidation of Nazi collaborators by the Communist regime," the organization wrote in a press release. "The essay was initially forbidden in the former Yugoslavia, then published three years later in 1987. Ever since, Hribar has been active in the media with her critical analyses, first of aspects of Communist rule and later of conservative, fundamentalist and nationalistic tendencies within Slovene society."

WASHINGTON: On December 10, four weeks before National Public Radio got a new boss, the network announced that it will layoff 64 of its 889 employees to help close a \$23 million shortfall in its current fiscal year. NPR also will close two daily programs, "Day to Day," aimed at younger listeners, and "News & Notes," designed to attract African-Americans. Twenty-two of the job cuts will come from cancellation of those two shows.

On January 5, **Vivian Schiller**, became NPR's new president and CEO. She joined NPR from *The New York Times*, where she was senior vice president and general manager of NYTimes.com. Earlier she was senior vice president and general manager of the Discovery Times Channel.

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A 1983 Cornell University graduate in Russian and Soviet studies, Schiller started her career as a simultaneous Russian interpreter in the former Soviet Union.



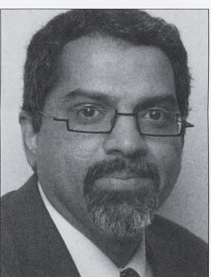
Vivian Schiller

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The Washington Post named two managing editors on January 13. **Elizabeth Spayd**, who has been a top editor on both the print and online newsrooms, will be responsible for the hard-news sections of the newspaper, located on *The Post's* fifth floor.



Elizabeth Spayd

Raju Narisetti, a former deputy managing editor of *The Wall Street Journal*, will oversee the fourth floor, which includes Style and other feature sections.



Raju Narisetti

Executive Editor and OPC member **Marcus Brauchli** is pairing a longtime insider with someone who is unknown to journalists at *The Post*. Spayd is the first woman to hold the role of top editor at the paper. Narisetti, 42, launched a national business newspaper in India in 2007 and before that worked with Brauchli in several roles at the *Journal*.

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CBS Chief Foreign Affairs Correspondent **Lara Logan** and husband Joseph Burkett welcomed son Joseph Washington Burkett V on December 29. Logan and the baby are reported to be doing well.

WASILLA, Alaska: Alaska Governor Sarah Palin claims Caroline Kennedy is getting softer press treatment in her pursuit of the New York

Senate seat than Palin did as the GOP vice presidential nominee because of Kennedy's social class. "I've been interested to see how Caroline Kennedy will be handled and if she will be handled with kid gloves or if she will be under such a microscope," Palin told conservative filmmaker John Ziegler during an interview Monday for his upcoming documentary film, "How Obama Got Elected." She also said Katie Couric and Tina Fey have been "capitalizing on" and "exploiting" her.



Sarah Palin speaking at the RNC in 2008.

On December 28, 2008, *The New York Times* ran an interview with Caroline Kennedy with the headline "As a Candidate, Kennedy Is Forceful but Elusive." The article reported that Kennedy "...still seemed less like a candidate than an idea of one."

PEOPLE REMEMBERED



John W. Powell, 89, an American journalist who was tried for sedition after claiming that the United States used biological weapons in the Korean War, died in San Francisco December 15 of complications from pneumonia. Born in Shanghai, Powell became publisher and editor of *The China Monthly Review*, a Shanghai-based magazine founded by his father, **John Benjamin Powell**, who died in 1947 after losing both feet to gangrene in a Japanese prison camp during World War II.

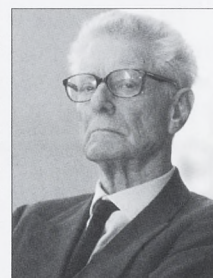
When the Communists came to power in China in 1949, the younger Powell supported them.

In the early 1950s, Powell reported in his magazine China's claims that the United States military used germ weapons against Chinese troops in North Korea.

In 1959 after returning to the United States, Powell went on trial in Federal District Court on charges of sedition. The judge declared a mistrial, but the case dragged on for five years before the government dismissed all charges against him.

He returned to journalism and obtained national attention in the 1980s with two articles in scientific magazines about the Japanese Army's Unit 731 that carried out germ-warfare experiments in China during World War II, reportedly killing thousands of people.

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Carlo Caracciolo, 83, a co-founder of the Italian newspaper *La Repubblica*, died in his Rome home. He had been treated for cancer. With journalist **Eugenio Scalfari**, Caracciolo founded the left-leaning paper in 1976, and it now has a daily circulation of nearly 600,000.



Caracciolo also created the publishing group Gruppo Editoriale L'Espresso that includes the weekly news magazine *L'Espresso*. During World War II, he fought with the Italian resistance.

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Barry Nemcoff, a former USIS officer in Karachi and Tokyo and a former CBS News correspondent, died in December in Florida. "I knew him as one of the nice guys in this world," **Ted Stannard**, a former UPI correspondent in Asia, wrote in the UPI alumni Web site.

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Robert Chandler was a CBS News producer and director of documentaries in 1966 when his colleague, **Don Hewett**, proposed a new format: a newsmagazine with several segments rather than the then standard hour-long documentary. "Bob played a very

important part in setting up the format, and now almost everybody in the world, certainly in Europe and Asia, has a weekly newsmagazine," *The New York Times* quoted Hewett, who for 36 years was executive producer of "60 Minutes," the program Chandler helped design. During his 22 years at CBS, Chandler's documentaries included the 1967 "The People of South Vietnam: How They Feel About the War." He was promoted to vice president for administration and assistant to the CBS News president. He retired from CBS in 1985 and later worked at NBC and PBS. **Robert Zuckerkandle**, 80, who changed his name to Chandler, died of heart failure December 11 at his home in Pittsfield, Massachusetts.



During the 1965 civil war in the Dominican Republic, *Miami Herald* reporter **Al Burt** and photographer **Doug Kennedy** were riding in a taxicab in Santo Domingo when they came to a U.S. Marine checkpoint. The Marines apparently felt threatened and fired rifles and machine guns at the taxi, severely wounding both passengers. The Marines realized their mistake and air evacuated Burt and Kennedy to Washington, D.C. for medical care. They recovered and Burt spent 40 plus years with the *Herald*, working his way up to Latin America editor. He wrote several books and won many journalism awards including the Ernie Pyle Award. Burt, 81, died November 29 in Jacksonville, Florida.

Helmut N. Friedlander, 95, who broadcast for the Voice of America to Europe during World War II, died November 25 in Yarmouth, Maine. Born in Berlin and a New York City resident, Friedlander was an attorney who for 30 years collected rare books, specializing in volumes printed in Europe before 1501, and illuminated manuscripts. Most of his collection was auctioned off in 2001.

Daring Vietnam War Correspondent: Robert Poos

by Al Kaff

Robert Poos, 78, an AP Vietnam War correspondent and later managing editor of *Soldier of Fortune* magazine, died in an Arlington, Virginia hospice December 15 following surgery to repair an elbow broken in a fall. He had suffered for nearly two years with chronic respiratory ailments that started after he was wounded in Vietnam.

A U.S. Marine during the Korean War, Poos was among the 1951 "Frozen Chosin" Marines who staged a fighting winter retreat from the Chosin Reservoir when it was under attack by Chinese Communist troops. He joined AP in St. Louis in 1957 and was assigned to the Saigon bureau in 1965 and "quickly became noted for aggressive and daring combat reporting," AP's **Richard Pyle** wrote.

Poos and AP photographer **Henri Huot** helped recover wounded GIs in the 1966 An Thi battle, where U.S. Calvary troops were surrounded by communist forces. Two months later, Poos was wounded in the chest when gunmen attacked a Buddhist pagoda in Danang. Poos was popular and well-liked in the press corps. Former UPI correspondent **Joe Galloway**, who competed against Poos in Vietnam, called him "a great friend in a foxhole or a watering hole, and a damned fine shoe-leather reporter of the old school."

In 1996, Poos was named chief of AP's Kuala Lumpur bureau. Later he was a news editor in Tokyo and then spent two years in the Washington bureau, leaving AP in 1970. After working as spokesman for the American Railroad Association, he served as managing editor of *Soldier of Fortune* in the 1980s. On assignment in Afghanistan, Poos smuggled out Soviet AK-74 ammunition, the first of that type the Pentagon had seen.

Pegge Hlavacek reported for newspapers and broadcasters in Washington, Alaska, China, Central America and points in between. She started her career as a foreign correspondent after World War II by filing stories and photos from China for the *New York Daily News*. In China, she met **Douglas Mackiernan**, a CIA agent, and they married. After she gave birth to twins in Shanghai in 1948, she and her babies were evacuated from China as Communist forces took over. Her husband remained behind to destroy monitoring equipment, but he was killed by guards at the Tibetan border in 1950.

Pegge later was appointed vice consul in the U.S. Embassy in Pakistan where she met and married **John Hlavacek** in 1952 when he was the United Press bureau chief for India and Pakistan. The couple lived and worked in India through most of the 1950s, and they later freelanced in Jamaica before moving to Omaha, Nebraska. As freelancers in the 1960s, they traveled to Vietnam, the Middle East and Eastern Europe. She interviewed Margaret Mitchell, John and Jackie Kennedy,



From the cover of *Alias Pegge Parker*.

Lyndon Johnson, Princess Margaret and Lord Snowden, and Billy and Ruth Graham.

Suffering from Alzheimer's disease for nearly a decade, Margaret (Pegge) Hlavacek, 89, died in Omaha November 22. Her husband was quoted in the *Omaha World-Herald*, "She was a pioneering woman, almost completely self-taught and was especially a stickler for correct grammar. She kept notebooks filled with new words she heard in conversation or discovered in her reading,

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complete with dictionary meanings and derivations." John and Pegge wrote the 2007 book *Freelancing in Paradise: The Story of Two American Reporters Who Supported Their Family by Covering Turbulent Times in the Caribbean, 1958-1963* (October 2007 *Bulletin*). Pegge's books include *Diapers on a Dateline* and *Alias Pegge Parker*.



After working as a reporter in Florida for the *Miami Daily News* and in New York for the *White Plains Reporter Dispatch*, **Jesse Brodey** spent more than 25 years as a reporter at the New York *Daily News*. "Always on the hunt for a story, Brodey traveled throughout the U.S., Europe, Scandinavia and the Middle East," the *Daily News* wrote. Brodey, 93, died November 21.



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GM vs. Toyota: The Next Chapter in a Global Battle

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vive the U.S. financial meltdown, and the incoming Obama administration will have to consider what it should do to keep GM alive.

But a new book entitled *Why GM Matters: Inside the Race to Transform an American Icon* [Walker & Company, February 2009], argues that GM has made surprising progress in ways that have largely escaped the daily headlines. Author William J. Holstein, former president of the OPC and current president of the OPC Foundation, has covered the battle between GM and Toyota for more than two decades and will speak to the OPC on the global competition between the two rivals.

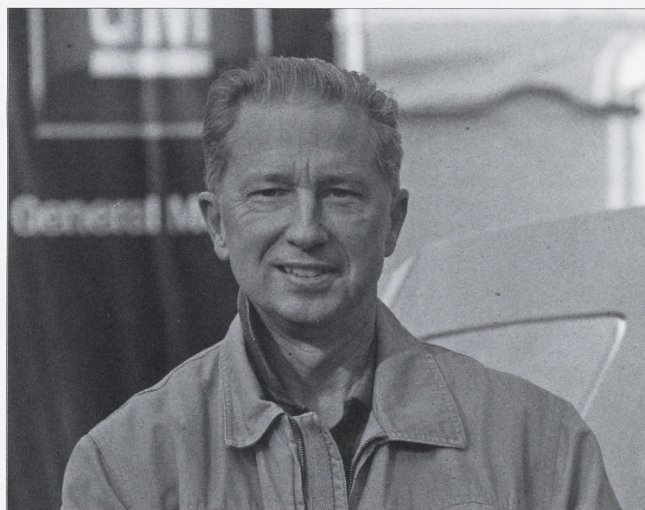
"Not many people understand that GM has literally gone to school on Toyota to learn the lean manufacturing technique and it has succeeded in adapting it and improving on it in some cases," says Holstein, who edited *BusinessWeek's* first cover story on Toyota in 1985. "As a result, GM has nearly eliminated the quality and productivity gaps it has long suffered."

If GM can survive 2009, its cost structure per vehicle will approach that of Toyota's first plant in Georgetown, Kentucky. Even before GM and Chrysler agreed to undertake a new round of

restructuring to qualify for continued federal assistance, GM Chief Executive Officer Rick Wagoner had reached agreements with the United Auto Workers that will strip \$5,000 off the cost of each GM vehicle by 2010.

On other fronts, GM is battling neck and neck with Toyota to introduce the first electric vehicles powered by lithium ion batteries. GM is scheduled to launch its Chevrolet Volt in late 2010; Toyota has just announced that it will rush its own lithium ion battery car to market before then. But in sharp contrast with the nickel metal hybrid-powered Prius, GM will at least be competing on the same field of battle, Holstein argues, rather than completely abdicating.

Toyota itself is suffering its first loss in decades and has signaled that it has excess capacity in the United States. Its quality has suffered and it has just shaken up his executive suites by moving a



Bill Howard

William J. Holstein

member of the Toyoda family into the job of president.

"Until very recently, most people assumed that Toyota would simply blow GM out of the water," says Holstein. "But GM is fighting back against big odds. I think it's going to surprise some of its many critics."

Join us on Thursday, February 19 at 6 p.m. at Club Quarters, 40 West 45 Street, in Manhattan. You can RSVP to this event online at www.opcofamerica.org, by sending an e-mail to Sonya Fry at sonya@opcofamerica.org or by calling the OPC at 212-626-9220.

Dickey Book Night:

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solely on the “three letter guys” from the CIA, the FBI, and the NSA to keep the city safe so he hired David Cohen, formerly of the CIA, to build an intelligence unit within the NYPD.

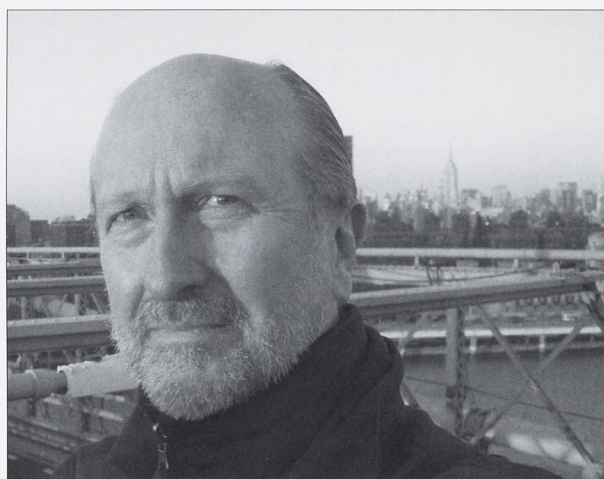
Working alongside the street cops who know every corner in the five boroughs, they provide the vital human intelligence that is needed to stop terror before it starts. Dickey chronicles how the NYPD changed from being a consumer of intelligence generated by the federal agencies to being a crucial source of intelligence.

Steve Coll, formerly of *The Washington Post* and author of *Ghost Wars* which won the 2004 OPC’s Cornelius Ryan book award, said this about *Securing the City*: “The United States needs a new counterterrorism strategy – one that is vigilant, creative, sustainable and aligned with the country’s constitutional values. *Securing the City* is not only a fascinating inside portrait of the NYPD’s response to the terror threat after 9/11, it is also an important contribution to

public policy. The federal government has much to learn from the leadership culture and street work of the NYPD, as Christopher Dickey’s penetrating reporting makes clear.”

Dickey, who has covered international terrorism for more than 25 years, currently writes the column “Shadowland” about counterterrorism, espionage, and the Middle East on *Newsweek Online*. In addition to revealing some of the surprising tactics of the police counter-terrorism unit, Dickey peers into some of the questionable practices that the NYPCD feel necessary to keep New York City safe.

The Book Night for *Securing the City: Inside America’s Best Counterterrorism Force – The NYPD* [Simon & Schuster, February 2009] will be held at Club Quarters on Monday, February 2nd. The reception



Chris Dickey

will begin at 6 p.m. with a talk at 6:30 p.m. Dickey’s publisher, Simon & Schuster, has been working to obtain a high-level officer from either the police department or the intelligence unit. As of this printing we do not have a name, but only a commitment to send someone to appear at the book launch with Dickey.

You can RSVP to this event online at www.opcofamerica.org, by sending an e-mail to sonya@opcofamerica.org or by calling the OPC offices at 212-626-9220.

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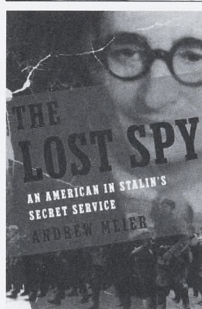
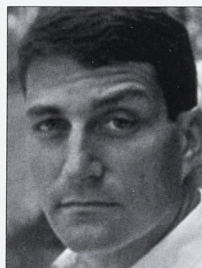
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if he wants it, hell, that ought to be good enough reason for everybody else.” **Wendy Deng**, Murdoch’s third wife, 38 years his junior, whom he met when she worked for one of his enterprises in Hong Kong, controls her husband to the point of reading his e-mail, the book claims.

EUROPE

THE LIFE AND DEATH of one of the first Americans to spy for Stalin’s regime has remained mostly a mystery until now. **Andrew Meier**, a former Moscow correspondent for *Time* and a past judge in the OPC’s award to Russian journalists, unravels the mystery of Isaiah, also known as Cyrus, (Cy) Oggins in *The Lost Spy: An American in Stalin’s Secret Service* [W.W. Norton & Company, August 2008]. Born in a Connecticut mill town of Russian Jewish immigrant parents, Oggins enrolled at Columbia University in 1918, studied history and joined the Communist party

in 1920. In 1928, Oggins and his wife, Russian-born Nerma Berman, a fellow activist, were recruited by the Soviets for their first mission in Germany. The couple spent the early 1930s spying on the exiled Romanovs in Paris. Oggins’ final mission sent him behind enemy lines in Manchuria to spy on the Japanese rulers and their puppet emperor, Pu Yi. He was recalled to Moscow in 1939 and arrested on false treason charges, tortured in Lubyanka prison and sent to Arctic labor camps. In 1947, he was poisoned by lethal injection on Stalin’s orders because “he knew too much.” **Jessa Crispin**, editor and founder of Bookslut.com, wrote, “Why was Oggins murdered by the Soviets after



years of service? The mystery is at the heart of the book, which Meier has shaped into a fast-paced detective story.”

In Chapter 1, the author wrote, “This is also the story of a man who did everything possible to cover his tracks. Devout and methodical, even when the chaos of the times rose high above his head, Oggins traded identities and addresses with ease. No diaries or last-minute confessions survived him – just one notebook, a handful of telegrams and handwritten notes, and a single letter.”

Oggins case was hidden in secret KGB and FBI files until 1992, when Boris Yeltsin handed over a censored dossier to the White House. Meier spent seven years searching on three continents for the secrets of Oggins’ career. The author studied declassified State Department dispatches from the 1940s and intelligence archives in Japan, China, Germany, France, Italy and Switzerland. His greatest discovery was finding Oggins only child, his son Robin, in the United States.

— by Al Kaff

New Books

AMERICA

MEMBERS OF THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION "are criminals who have been in the White House for eight years." That's what cartoonist **Pat Oliphant** told a reporter at a San Francisco signing for his new book *LEADERSHIP: Oliphant Cartoons & Sculpture From the Bush Years*. "We haven't had any leadership for a long time," Oliphant said. "The crime is that they led this country into a war [in Iraq] that was totally phony." The book's cover pictures a horse with a rider and leader. "The big old horse represents the country. Cheney is leading him, carrying an inevitable shotgun. And our fool of a president is sitting up on the back of the horse."

Born in Australia and now a U.S. citizen, Oliphant, 74, is a widely syndicated political cartoonist described by *The New York Times* as "the most influential cartoonist now working." He won the 1967 Pulitzer Prize for editorial cartooning. Oliphant was featured in an article in the Hong Kong Foreign Correspondents' Club magazine written by **Richard Ehrlich**, a Bangkok-based correspondent for *The Washington Times*.



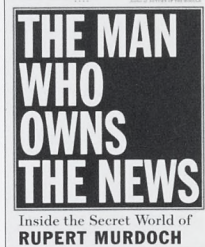
WHAT MAKES A MAN TICK who keeps busy buying media outlets? **Michael Wolff**, a *Vanity Fair* columnist, answers that question in *The Man Who Owns the News: Inside the Secret World of Rupert Murdoch* [New York: Broadway Books]. The book chronicles the growth of Murdoch's \$70 billion media kingdom that includes more than 100 newspapers, Fox movie studio and television networks, satellite TV systems in Europe and Asia, the book publisher Harper Collins and MySpace. The author, who was given unprecedented access to Murdoch, his associates and family, describes in detail the 2007 negotiations that led to the acquisition of *The Wall Street Journal* and Dow Jones by Murdoch's News

Corporation.

Describing Murdoch's career as marked by self-interest without reflection, the author writes, "This is lesson No. 1 at News Corp. Nobody has the time, temperament or perhaps IQ for complicated explanations. So do it first and figure it out later. No, no...that's actually lesson No. 2. Lesson No. 1 is that



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